A.—Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA (Minister for Labour and Legal Affairs).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) The Officer has since shifted to Belgaum.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—When did this office shift to Belgaum?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—He was sent for training and he has joined at Belgaum some time back. I am not in a position to give the exact date.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—Why was this office opened at Belgaum?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—At the time of Reorganisation, there was only one officer in charge of 7 districts and it was represented by the Labour Commissioner that the work was heavy and that it would be more convenient to have an officer in Belgaum itself. This was accepted by the Government on 6th April 1957 and the officer appointed for this purpose had to be given some training in regard to labour matters as he had been all along dealing with only Minimum Wages Enforcement Act. That training over, he is now posted in Belgaum, where he is functioning.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—May I know whether the Government is aware that the Labour Officer at Belgaum is not properly trained and that there are a number of complaints from my constituency that he is not conversant with the procedure in regard to labour matters?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—I am not aware of any such complaint.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—Now that I have brought it to the notice of the Hon'ble Minister, would the Government think of appointing a properly trained officer in Belgaum?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—I am unable to accept the suggestion that the officer has not been properly trained. If there is any particular aspect and if the Hon'ble Member can give precise details, I will have the matter examined.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—May I know if he has undergone training in Calcutta?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—He was trained in Hubli.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Is there a Training College at Hubli?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—I did not say that he went for training to College.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—An Assistant Commissioner of Labour is required to possess a Diploma called D.S.O. issued by the Calcutta University.

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—The training given to this particular officer was under the Regional Assistant Commissioner of Labour, Hubli, not because he was not qualified, but because he was not fully conversant with labour matters, and since he was dealing only with matters connected with the Minimum Wages Enforcement Act.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—What are the qualifications required for the post?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—He possesses all qualifications necessary to discharge the duties.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—May I know the institution where the officer underwent training?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—I have already answered the question. He was directed to have training under the Regional Assistant Commissioner for Labour at Hubli.

Expenditure incurred on the Construction of Vidhana Soudha.

Q.—123. Sri N. G. NARASIMHE GOWDA (Sravanabelagola).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

the expenditure incurred so far on the construction of Vidhana Soudha?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

Rs. 1,42,22,897-up to the end of August 1957.

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